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Representations from the Guntur District Lorry Owners' Association.

* 443 *Q.*—Sri V. SRI KRISHNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state— 12 noon

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum in the month of November 1952 from the Guntur District Lorry Owners' Association regarding their grievances; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken on it?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The matter is under consideration of the Government."

Sri PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" May I know, Sir, what were the specific requests made by the association? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There were 18 requests made by the association. We have accepted five, we have rejected eight and six are being considered by the Road Traffic Authority and the Central Road Traffic Board. I am afraid the information wanted by the hon. Member covers four pages. If the hon. Speaker wants me to read the particulars I have no objection."

Sri PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" May I know, Sir, what were the five requests that were accepted by the Government? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The suggestion to provide seating capacity for two persons including the driver in the cabin of a goods vehicle is accepted. In respect of the second request, suitable instructions have already been given to the Central Road Traffic Board to see that permits sent to them are not retained for long periods. The third request was that the police should send written notices to lorry staff to attend court and that cases should be disposed of in two or three postings. The District Superintendent of Police has given necessary instructions to all concerned. Another request was that instructions should be given to the checking officers asking them to issue notices at the time of checking whether rules have been violated and get the signature of the person in charge of the vehicle; necessary instructions have been issued to the Central Road Traffic Board to act accordingly. With regard to the request that belated applications for renewal of permits should not be rejected, this has also been accepted and suitable amendments to the Motor Vehicles Act have been undertaken."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Question time is over. The answers to the rest of the questions will be printed in the proceedings."